

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Pretty Rough on Pa.

By POP.



MEYER'S MILITARY SHOP IS DAMAGED BY BLAZE

Loss on Building and Stock Placed at \$7,000—Small Fires Elsewhere.

Meyer's military shop, 1327 F street northwest, last night was badly damaged by fire. The damage to the building and stock was estimated by the police at \$7,000, but it is believed the loss will be much greater. It was a few minutes before 8 o'clock when smoke was seen coming from the cellar and an alarm sounded.

Fearing the fire might spread to other buildings and get beyond control of the first alarm companies, a second alarm was sounded, six additional companies responding. By the time the firemen started their work the street was thronged with spectators. They were kept away from the vicinity of the building by the police reserves from the first precinct.

Fire Starts in Cellar.

The fire is believed to have originated in the rear part of the cellar among a number of packing boxes. It quickly found its way to the first floor, where fire, water and smoke ruined practically the entire stock on display, while on the upper floors the only damage was from the smoke.

So intense was the heat that the heavy plate glass windows were cracked. It was necessary for the firemen to effect an entrance beneath the window in order to get a supply of water to the cellar. Acting Chief James Kelher responded to the second alarm and directed the work of the firemen. Chief Wagner and Deputy Chief Sullivan being ill and out of duty.

Two Small Fires.

An overheated furnace last night was responsible for a small fire in the room of Arthur Vickery, 828 12th street northwest, which was extinguished by No. 2 engine company. Not more than 15 minutes from the blaze resulted. No. 5 engine company last night about 4 o'clock went to an apartment house at 1503 30th street northwest and extinguished a blaze in the chimney. The property was not damaged.

Business Property by Auction tomorrow, 4:30 p.m., Nos. 1224 Pa. ave. and 1221 D st. n.w., by order trustees—Advertisement.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

By Urell Camp, United Spanish War Veterans.

Newly elected officers were installed at a recent meeting of Gen. M. Emmet Urell Camp, No. 9, Department of the District of Columbia, United Spanish War Veterans, held in Pythian Temple. They are: Charles L. Brockway, commander; Harry T. Patterson, senior vice commander; T. C. Baughman, junior vice commander; Richard Brooks, adjutant; T. R. Bronson, quartermaster; officer of the day, W. T. H. King; chaplain, R. C. Galbraith; officer of the guard, John Koch; color bearer, C. T. Currier; trustees, John Murray, John C. Whitehead, and patriotic instructor, Michael J. Grandfield.

Commander Brockway, who has seen service in the Spanish-American war and Philippines, at the close of the meeting presented John Murphy, the new commander, with a past commander's sword. Captain C. E. Lechman, Shorey, official installing officer of the department, was in charge of the installation and Camp Commander John Murphy acted as master of ceremonies. Two new members were mustered into the camp. They are: George Van Buskirk, formerly sergeant of the 42nd United States Volunteer Infantry, and C. A. Price, first lieutenant, 1st West Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

THREE HELD AS ROBBERS.

Accused of Entering Store in Southwest Christmas Morning.

William Hamilton, Emanuel Forrest and Clarence Turner, all colored, were identified in the Police Court today as three of four men who are alleged to have entered the store of Mrs. Annie Leckelbaum, 131 2d street southwest, Christmas morning and robbed her of \$57. They were held for the action of the grand jury in \$10,000 bonds each on a charge of robbery.

Mrs. Leckelbaum told Judge Pugh the men entered her store shortly before 6 o'clock that morning and that two of them pointed revolvers at her while one of the other men took the money from her drawer. Maud Green, colored, of 135 C street southwest, testified she saw the three defendants as men she saw in the place committing the robbery.

In the investigation of the robbery was made by Detectives Harney and Boyd and Policeman J. T. Jackson of the fourth precinct, which led to the arrest of the three defendants several days ago.

TO HAVE SPECIAL VIEW OF MILITARY "MOVIE"

Woman's Section of Navy League Will See "Battle Cry of Peace" at the Strand.

A special performance of "The Battle Cry of Peace," now playing at the Strand Theater, will be given tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, for the members of the Washington branch of the woman's section of the Navy League and their friends. Invitations have been sent to the members to attend this performance, and as the membership contains some of the most notable women in the National Capital, it is expected that the event will do much to promote this striking photoplay, which is the work of Commodore J. Stuart Blackton of New York, one of the leaders in the national defense movement.

Through the efforts of the management of the Strand Theater speakers from the woman's section of the Navy League will address the audience on the subject of national preparedness. Among these speakers will be Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. Vella Fox Wilson, daughter of Secretary of the woman's section; Mrs. Frank D. Odenheimer, president general of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames of America and other patriotic societies, and Mrs. William Cumming Story, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Tickets will be reserved for members at the Strand Theater and the office of the woman's section of the Navy League.

Desirable Office Rooms. The entire third floor of The Star Building, available for desirable tenants, will be rented as a whole or in part.—Advertisement.

ALIEN SEEKS A DIVORCE.

Defendant Questions Jurisdiction of District Supreme Court.

Has the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia jurisdiction to grant a divorce when the husband and wife are both aliens, although residing in this District?

This question is raised by Leo K. Nishi, a citizen of Italy, who has asked the court to dismiss a bill for divorce filed last Friday against him by his wife, Leokadia Nishi, a citizen of Germany. Through Attorneys William J. Neale and Thomas W. Branham, the husband claims that the bill and the divorce proceedings are void because the court has no jurisdiction to grant a divorce to a citizen of Germany. Attorney Thomas H. Patterson represents the wife. The question will be argued next Friday before the court.

SUES PATENT COMMISSIONER.

Chicago Car Company Alleges Interference With Rights.

Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court has cited Thomas Ewing, commissioner of patents, to show cause January 26 why a writ of mandamus should not issue against him. The citation is based on a petition filed by the Fowler Car Company of Chicago to compel the commissioner to declare an interference between the petitioner and an unknown applicant for a patent for improvement in car floor construction. The court is also asked to prevent a patent to the said unknown applicant until a hearing in regular interference proceedings in the patent office.

ASKS FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Conductor on Car Sues Street Railway Company Owing to Injuries.

Edward H. Markwood has filed suit to recover \$10,000 damages, for alleged personal injury, from the Washington Railway and Electric Company. Through Attorneys Hawken & Havell, the plaintiff says he was employed as a conductor on a car April 23 last, at 4th and W streets northwest, when, while attempting to aid a passenger to board a car, he was thrown by a sudden lurch of the car from the platform and sustained serious injury. Markwood said he had signaled the passenger attempting to board the car, rang the emergency signal of three bells, he states, and then reached to aid the passenger. The motorman, he claims, neglected to respond to the emergency warning and proceeded to enter the car at the point without shutting off the current.

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COURT NAMES RECEIVER.

Byron O. Graham in Charge of C. J. Clasp's Saloon Business.

Justice McCoy of the District Supreme Court has appointed Byron O. Graham as receiver of the saloon business of Clifton J. Clasp at 605 15th street northwest. Bond of the receiver was fixed at \$1,500.

The appointment is based on a petition filed by the Gottschalk Company of Baltimore, which holds charged trusts on the stock, fixtures and license of Mr. Clasp. The notes secured by the trusts are said to be overdue and a sale of the assets desired. Attorneys Leon Tobin and B. U. Graham appear for the company.

LECTURES ON COLOMBIA.

Former Minister Du Bois Asks Justice for South American Republic.

"The Resources of Colombia, Its History and Its People" were described to a large audience, the chamber of commerce auditorium at St. Augustine, Fla., last Wednesday night by James T. Du Bois, former American minister to that South American country. Stereoscopic pictures were shown in connection with the address. In closing his speech Mr. Du Bois made an appeal for the justice which he said is due Colombia by the United States. He reviewed the incidents in 1903, when that republic, he declared, was wrongfully disposed of to Panama, and discussed the steps that are now being taken to right the wrong.

MOTHER RETAINS CHILD.

Remarriage Does Not Alter Decree, Justice McCoy Rules.

When a woman has been awarded the custody of a child the mere fact of her remarriage will not sustain a motion of the former husband for a change of custody. Justice McCoy of the District Supreme Court so ruled when he dismissed a petition of Marion Baden for the return of his child to his custody. The divorce decree in 1914 had given the wife charge of the child. She remarried, and the court held that in the absence of proof that the terms of the former decree had been violated or that the child was not receiving proper care the custody would not be disturbed. Attorney S. McComas Hawken represented the mother and Attorney P. R. Whipple appeared for the father.

Mrs. Campbell Alimony.

Mrs. Nettie Campbell Camp has been awarded a decree for permanent alimony against her husband, Kenneth Camp. The decree was signed by Justice Anderson. Mrs. Camp brought suit January 21 last. She was represented by Attorneys Wilton J. Lambert and F. R. Whipple.

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MANY AMERICAN MEN ARE PHYSICALLY UNFIT

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley Cites Proposition of Rejections in Army and Navy.

The "unpreparedness" of the United States was cited by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, in an address on "The Effect of Food on the Efficiency of the Nation," before the Columbia Historical Society at its twenty-second annual meeting last night at the Shoreham Hotel. Dr. Wiley called attention to the fact that between 40 and 68 per cent of the young men who apply for enlistment in the army or navy are rejected because they do not meet the requirements. The speaker advocated a schooling of three years for all young men much along the same lines as those in Germany. He told of the instruction given in the military training in Germany and of a trip he took to that country some years ago.

Discusses Harm Done to Men.

The harm done the young men in this country in the use of drugs, not only morphine and cocaine, but tobacco and intoxicating liquors, was spoken of by Dr. Wiley. He also gave figures showing the difference in the life of men who use intoxicating liquor and those who do not.

Dr. Wiley said that men and women who are contemplating getting married and finally an examination for a marriage license should be made of the man's health. He said that a young man goes to get a marriage license he ought to have to pass such an examination, and that a young man who is a pig should be made of how a child should be reared.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. James Dudley Morgan, following the address of Dr. Wiley there was a business session, at which a "minute of sorrow" on the life of the late Justice Alexander B. Hagner and prepared by W. B. Bryan was read by the secretary, Mrs. Mary Stevens Elected.

The principal business was the election of officers. Dr. Morgan declined reelection. The officers elected are: Allen C. Clark, president; Justice Job Barnard, first vice president; W. B. Bryan, second vice president; George Thom, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Stevens Elected, corresponding secretary; James P. Hood, curator; Fred L. Phillips, back, chronicler; John B. Larner and Dr. James Dudley Morgan, managers for four years. William Henry Dennis was elected to serve the unexpired term of W. B. Bryan.

MRS. MURDOCK ASKS DIVORCE.

Declares Her Husband Choked and Beat Her.

Irene V. Murdock, a minor, by her next friend, Nellie White, has filed suit for a limited divorce from Joseph E. Murdock. Justice McCoy cited the husband to show cause Friday, January 21, why he should not pay temporary alimony. They were married at Rockville May 11, 1914, and have one child. The wife charges that her husband choked and struck her with his clenched fist, and on one occasion leveled a pistol at her. Last Thursday night, she claims, her husband choked her and struck her on the head, fearing bodily harm, she says, she took the child and sought refuge at the home of a friend. She asks custody of the child and alimony. Attorney J. Edwin Albionson appears for the wife.

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PROBE OF COST OF LIVING GETS HOUSEKEEPERS' O.K.

Alliance Indorses Senate Resolution. Curb on Activity of Hucksters Advocated.

Indorsement of the Senate resolution providing for an investigation of the cost of living in the District of Columbia was given by the Housekeepers' Alliance of the District of Columbia at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Home Club, on Jackson place northwest. The resolution carries an appropriation of \$5,000 to cover the cost of the investigation, and the responsibility for conducting the inquiry is placed upon the Department of Labor.

Danger of contracting disease by school children through the exchange of pencils in the schoolroom was called to the attention of the meeting by Mrs. W. D. Bigelow. Mrs. Bigelow said the organization should go on record as opposing this dangerous practice and should take steps to prevent it. The alliance took no action on the matter at the time.

Objects to Hucksters.

Miss Mary O'Toole spoke on the laws of the District relating to the housekeeper. She complained particularly against the license given the huckster which permits him to peddle anywhere about the District. She recommended that the license be restricted to certain territory. The trouble with the present order of things, she pointed out, was that hucksters could sell bad products to a consumer one day, and the next day would be in another part of the city. The housekeeper could not complain, and when the huckster again came into the territory, possibly a week or two later, the matter had slipped the housekeeper's mind.

THEATRE PARTIES AT BENEFIT.

Among those to entertain theatre parties at a benefit performance for the Working Boys' Home Monday night at the National Theater are Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. Richard Harlow, Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mrs. Perry Johnson, Mrs. Charles H. Johnson, Mrs. Armstrong Davis, Senator and Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, Jr. and Mrs. Frederic Ahlert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollister Chapman, Mrs. Elaine Elkins, Mrs. Fainstock, Mrs. Richard McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Hampson Gary and Capt. and Mrs. Theodore Baldwin.

George Eastman Stops in Capital on Way From Rochester.

En route for Florida in his private car, George Eastman of Rochester, N. Y., and a party which included Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Eastwood, stopped off in Washington for several hours Monday evening as the guests of Gilbert H. Grosvenor, director and editor of the National Geographic Society. The party was entertained at Hubbard Memorial Hall by a private view of the exhibition of remarkable photographs of the ancient ruins and ruins of the National Geographic Society. These expeditions discovered the old Inca city of Machu Picchu, the sacred city of that race which developed a high grade of civilization in prehistoric times.

The exhibition was opened yesterday to the members of the society and will be continued throughout the month of February and March. The photographs comprising the exhibition are enlargements from the pictures taken by the members of the expedition.

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Mayflower Society Elects Officers.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia has elected the following officers for the current year: Governor, Maj. Gen. A. W. Greely, U. S. A., retired; deputy governor, A. Howard Clark; captain, Philip Walker; elder, Rev. James H. Taylor; secretary, Ernest W. Bradford; treasurer, Frank Bond; historian, Algren A. Aspinwall; and surgeon, Dr. Stuart C. Johnson, board of assistants, consisting of the officers and W. W. Case, Carter B. Keene, Ernest L. Jones, Howard W. Blanchard, Mrs. Maud W. Greenwalt, Mrs. Bertha M. Robbins and Mrs. Grace Ellis Logan. The following charters of committees have also been chosen: Membership, William W. Case; publication, Mrs. Bertha M. Robbins; entertainment, Mrs. Maud W. Greenwalt; program, William S. Washington; and program, William S. Washington.

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